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### THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

Editor Tribune: Facts must be faced and the fact that our high schools are vitally concerned with hundreds of young people who don't want or can't go to college is a fact that we as a people must meet. A petulant answer that all could go to college or the university if ambitious enough, doesn't answer at all. Nothing has so seemed to meet this condition in a satisfactory manner as the new idea of trade schools or vocational training in the high school curriculum. Truly a county high school is better fitted for the successful practical application of this idea, and in places it is being tried out, and not to the end that the preparatory courses are weakened, but rather strengthened. For if a pupil on failure to meet required grades may still be retained and advanced in other lines of education it is plain to see that the fact would have a tendency to keep up the standard of grades, rather than to lower them. Every teacher feels it is a serious matter to hold to high requirements in grades, when for a pupil to fall below means perhaps in one subject alone for which he has no natural adaptability, that the pupil must drop out or be returned to grades that stunts rather than promotes his mentality.

I was delighted this fall to have the opportunity to see this liberal theory of education tried out in Sterling, Col. Mr. J. A. Sexson, who is a pioneer in this movement, and upon whose efforts the educational forces of Colorado seem to have their eyes fastened, is the superintendent of these schools and evidently has the hearty support of the community.

He claims that in our effort to insist on the higher and technical education of the pupils of our high schools we have developed somewhat of a "mania" for standardization and thus have made the mastery of subject matter the sole aim of education. In other words subjects are lost sight of in the zeal over subject matter, and in this characteristic Mr. Sexson impresses one very much, as he works among his pupils; namely that it's boys before books always with him.

He says that from September to January after vocational training was attempted in the Sterling high school that the number of pupils increased from 125 to 240, and that the enrollment at the beginning of the next year reached the 300 mark, and that, too, without any increase of population. Hence there have been 175 young people, or nearly that number, who were being educationally martyred to our uncompromising and traditional idea of what constitutes a foundation for education.

The 125 were remaining in the high school and taking the prescribed courses that primarily were to fit them for higher and technical education. That at least seems good to us who heartily favor college or university education, but here we are reluctantly forced to face the fact that only an amazing small per cent that are thus prepared for college ever enter college.

Thus the proportion of young people is still increased for which we as a community are seriously responsible in a blunder somewhere that limits the efficiency of their training.

Sterling has a regular teacher in domestic science, and a modern and up to date kitchen and a class room at her disposal. She has classes in household arts, besides her demonstrations in cooking in which of course the girls take active part.

The boys have a blacksmith shop with a number of anvils and otherwise well equipped; in the basement they also have a carpenter shop and classes in various forms of manual training.

The classes in agriculture and dairying are also very popular and are supervised by Mr. Bascom, who is the county agriculturist, and who has an office in the school building similar to that of Mr. Sexson. He also does much extension work throughout the county, where many boys and girls as well as grown people are formed into garden, poultry and other agri-

these activities which penetrates the entire county, is the high school, and all these efforts are continually functioning in drawing young people into the high school courses, where they can be taught arts, sciences and languages as in any other properly balanced school.

I would like to tell more of the splendid equipment for this work, of the splendid auditorium, seating about a thousand, and having a modern stage, of the roomy and up-to-date gymnasium, which is the manifest delight of the entire student body. I would like to tell of the six weeks short course for "grown-ups" that made the high school a teeming and profitable "Social Center" at the beginning of the year.

But I am telling this more because Sterling is a town very similarly situated to North Platte, and not so large and serves as an example, for what we might be able to do here.

North Platte as a community ought to give her young folks and her teachers the room equipment and incentive to do their best. The teachers cannot fight out these problems alone.

We ought to have manual training and domestic science at least. We ought to have room so that no child would need go to school in a basement. We ought to have the best gymnasium possible for the size of the town. We ought to have a large pleasant auditorium where we can institute a true social center.

We young folks ought to all meet together there, and get acquainted. Wouldn't it be a most helpful and rejuvenating procedure if we would all lay claim to the public schools as our own? But someone cries "Taxes" and some of us swoon, but why not taxes today for our youth who yet give promise, rather than taxes tomorrow for the delinquents and criminals, who are worse than dead weights on the community.

Why not boost for "preparedness" for—LIFE. M. H. AXTELL.

### SUPERINTENDENT TOUT TELLS OF TRIP EAST

At the meeting of the school board Monday evening Superintendent Wilson Tout gave a nice account of his recent trip to the convention of city school superintendents in Cincinnati. He reported an excellent time and a busy time.

He first told of the enormity of the meeting at which over two thousand state and city superintendents, college presidents and normal school superintendents were registered. Educators from all over the United States were present, thirty-five attending from Nebraska, and sessions were held from early morning until late evening.

The principal speakers on the program were Ex-president Taft, who spoke on the problems of education, State Superintendent Shaffer of Pennsylvania and the city superintendent of the New York City schools and many other speakers were on the program and some very interesting and vital facts were brought out. Secretary of War Garrison and the state superintendent of Pennsylvania were to have had a debate on military training in the public schools but the secretary of war was unable to be present and sent his paper. Superintendent Baker answered it with an eloquent and impressive talk on peace.

He also told of visiting the Hughes high school in Cincinnati and of the great work that is done there. They have manual training which takes up every kind of industry from the foundry to the mechanical drafting and an excellent domestic science department as well as a grand gymnasium system.

The Nebraska delegation together with the president of the Omaha Commercial Club attempted to bring the convention to Omaha for 1916 but were unable to do so as the hotel accommodations in Omaha are not sufficient to accommodate the delegates.

The last evening of the convention a fine musical program was presented by the Cincinnati symphony orchestra and a chorus of about a thousand voices, including eight hundred school children.

### To the Housewife

Madam, if your husband is like most men he expects you to look after the health of yourself and children. Coughs and colds are the most common of the minor ailments and are most likely to lead to serious diseases. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when it has a cold. If you will inquire into the merits of the various remedies that are recommended for coughs and colds, you will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy stands high in the estimation of people who use it. It is prompt and effective, pleasant and safe to take, which are qualities especially to be desired when a medicine is intended for children. For sale by all dealers.

The dancing class which is being filled up at the Elks lodge will start March 22d, according to arrangements recently made. Already nearly the required number of thirty couples have signed up to enter the class and others have signified their intentions of entering the class.

The men in charge put the time after the week in which pay day will come because many would not be able to attend every class during that week. No one will be allowed to enter the class after the required number of couples have entered as it would make too large a crowd to be well handled. Those who have entered are very enthusiastic over the opportunity of learning to dance the new dances.

The students of the high school are working hard on the high school cadet play and baseball minstrel show which is to given this month. The play is an annual affair and last year drew a good crowd. The characters for the different parts have already been selected and a full announcement of the play with the dates will be made later.

W. M. Osborne, government expert with head quarters at the state farm, returned Wednesday morning from Washington, D. C. where he spent several months on government work. He reports that in the east they are not having much snow and the farmers are much concerned over the lack of moisture.

In Kansas and Western Nebraska, he stated, conditions are very encouraging, especially for fall wheat. While the ground was very dry in the fall here the moisture that has now fallen will go into the soil and will go a long way toward maturing the fall wheat. However the farmers can not expect a crop like last year's.

In Kansas, he stated, the farmers are using four horses to haul on account of the muddy condition of the roads and the ground is in excellent shape. In the western part of Kansas conditions are very similar to what they are here.

Speaking of the storm Mr. Osborne stated that it did not extend east of Nebraska to any great extent. In Omaha they had snow Tuesday evening and when he came through Kansas City they had very little snow.

nouncing that Bert Owens, former third sacker for North Platte, is now out of the hospital in Kansas City and is getting along nicely. Several months ago while in the employ of the Burlington road he was crushed in the yards at Kansas City and his back broken. His brother in this city was this week advised that he was getting along very nicely.

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**Order of Hearing on Petition for Settlement of Account.**  
State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss.  
In the County Court.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Christian Marquette, Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Frederick Marquette praying a final settlement and allowance of his account, filed on the 27th day of February, 1915, and for his discharge as administrator.

Ordered that March 27, A. D. 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a legal semi-weekly newspaper printed in said County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.  
Dated February 27, 1915.  
GEORGE E. FRENCH,  
County Judge.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
Department of Interior  
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.  
February 24, 1915.  
Notice is hereby given that Ragnvald S. L. Voss, of North Platte, Nebraska, who, on December 7, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 05347, for W 1/2 and N 1/2 of NE 1/4, and S 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 28, Township 12 N., Range 31 W., 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 24th day of April, 1915.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Carl Broecker, D. W. Kunkle, O. L. Watkins, Martin Hannan all of North Platte, Nebraska.  
J. E. EVANS,  
Register.

**Order of Hearing on Petition for Settlement of Account.**  
State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss.  
In the County Court.  
In the Matter of the Estate of William D. Lyle, Deceased.

On reading and filing petition of Joseph J. O'Rourke, administrator, praying a final settlement and allowance of his final account, filed on the 6th day of January, 1915.  
Ordered, that March 6th, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.  
Dated February 15, 1915.  
(Seal.) GEO. E. FRENCH,  
County Judge.

**Sheriff's Sale**  
By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said Court wherein Occidental Building and Loan Association of Omaha is plaintiff, and Lorah M. Moore are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 11th day of March, 1915, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the east front door of the Court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit:  
Lot three (3) in block sixteen (16) Millers' Addition to North Platte as surveyed, platted and recorded.  
Dated North Platte, Neb., Feb. 6, 1915.

**A. J. SALISBURY, Sheriff.**  
**Probate Notice.**  
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Ann Eli, Deceased.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.  
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the Administrator of said Estate, before the County Judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 3d day of March, 1915, and on the 3d day of September, 1915, at 9 o'clock A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the Administrator to settle said Estate from the 3d day of March, 1915. This notice will be published in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a newspaper printed in said County, for four weeks successively, on and after the 9th day of February, 1915.

**GEORGE E. FRENCH,**  
County Judge.

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